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Records show Nazi visited U.S. 4 times

WASHINGTON (AP) — Launching its investigation into the relations between U.S. intelligence agents and Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie, the Justice Department on Tuesday released records showing that Barbie entered the United States four times in 1969-70 on an official Bolivian passport.

Allan A. Ryan Jr., head of the department's efforts to find and deport former Nazis from the U.S., said the purpose of the investigation would be to "set forth the facts of any relationship between Barbie and the U.S. government from 1946 on, and as much as possible, release those to the public."

Atty. Gen. William French Smith reversed himself Monday under congressional and White House pressure and agreed to order the investigation.

BARBIE, A GESTAPO leader in France in World War II, fled to Bolivia in 1951. Bolivia sent him back to France last month, and he is awaiting trial there now. French courts have convicted him twice of war crimes in absentia.

The Justice Department released Immigration and Naturalization Service records which showed that Barbie entered the U.S. under the name of Klaus Altmann at Miami on July 7 and 29, 1969, and twice on Jan. 21,

1970. The records showed that he left July 27, 1969, Jan. 21, 1970, and Feb. 8, 1970.

Ryan could not explain why the records showed one more entry than departure.

On the records Barbie acknowledged that he was born in Berlin on Oct. 25, 1915. Two of the records indicated that he was planning to stay in or had visited in New Orleans and San Francisco.